## The State of Rare Disease Drug Development: An FDA Perspective

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#### **Current Priorities at CDER**

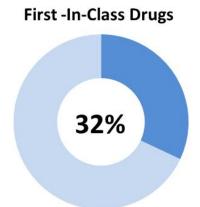
- FDASIA
  - Expedited reviews and Breakthrough
  - Rare diseases
  - Antibiotic development
  - Drug shortage
  - GDUFA goals
  - Electronic submissions
- Patient Centered Drug Development
- New Legislation ie Pharmacy Compounding/Track and Trace
- Rethinking Pharmaceutical Quality
- Improve Drug Labels
- Drug Safety: Sentinel/IMEDS
- PDUFA V goals
- Build an IT infrastructure that will support these goals

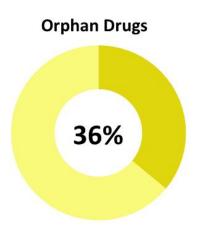


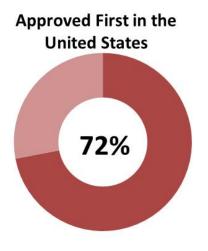
 More than a third (36%) of novel drugs approved to date in CY13 are for rare diseases

Nearly one out of three (32%) of novel drugs approved to date in CY13 are the first in their class

Approximately three-quarters (72%) of novel drugs approved to date in CY13 were first approved in the U.S.





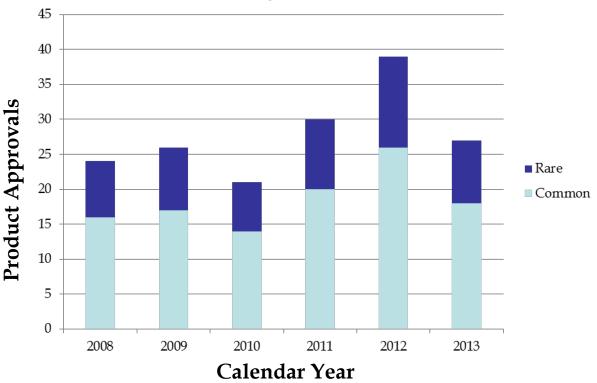




#### **Rare Disease Novel Product History**

- CY2008-2013\* (\*as of December 6, 2013)
  - Rare diseases  $\sim 1/3$  of NME and original biologic APs at CDER



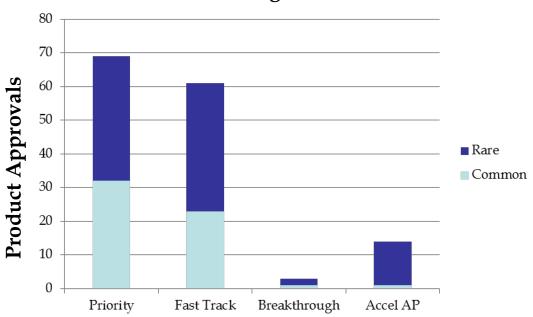


#### **CDER: Expedited Programs**

#### Rare Diseases

- Most are serious or life-threatening, unmet medical needs
- Most qualify for at least one expedited program
  - Many qualify for >1 (almost all for incentives)
  - Rare>>common diseases for expedited programs

## **Expedited Programs CY 2008-2013 CDER NME and Original BLA APs**



#### **Targeted Therapies**

- Considered targeted therapy if patients identified for inclusion/exclusion in pivotal trials or for drug use in labeled indication based on a genetic test, biomarker or susceptibility test (e.g., bacterial resistance, tumor genetic mutation)
- Recent analysis of approved NMES and original biological products from 2010-2013, n=121

#### CDER NME/BLA Approvals 2010-2013\*

	Targeted	Non-Targeted
Rare, n=42 (%)	23 (55)	19 (45)
Common, n=79 (%)	11 (14)	68 (86)
Total, n=121 (%)	34 (28)	87 (72)

\*As of December 6, 2013



#### CDER Targeted Therapy NME/BLA Approvals

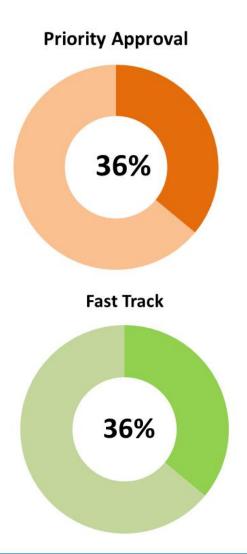
	Targeted Therapies, % of Total					
Year	All	Rare	Common			
1990-1992	~8%	~30%	~2%			
2000-2002	~10%	~45%	~5%			
2010-2012	~25%	~50%	~10%			
2013*	~45%	~80%	~30%			

<sup>\*</sup>Jan 1-Dec 6, 2013

# CDER Pays Attention That Novel Drugs Receive Expedited Review

 9 out of 25 (36%) novel drugs approved to date in CY13 were approved under Priority Review

 9 out of 25 (36%) novel drugs approved to date in CY13 received Fast Track designation





#### **Expedited Review**

- Draft guidance recently provided for expedited approvals addressing serious diseases with unmet needs (June '13)
  - Fast track
  - Accelerated Approval
  - Priority Review
  - Breakthrough
    - New designation established by FDASIA that expedites the development and review of drugs that—
    - treat serious/life-threatening disease; and
    - preliminary clinical evidence indicates that drug may demonstrate substantial improvement over existing therapies on  $\geq 1$  clinically significant endpoints



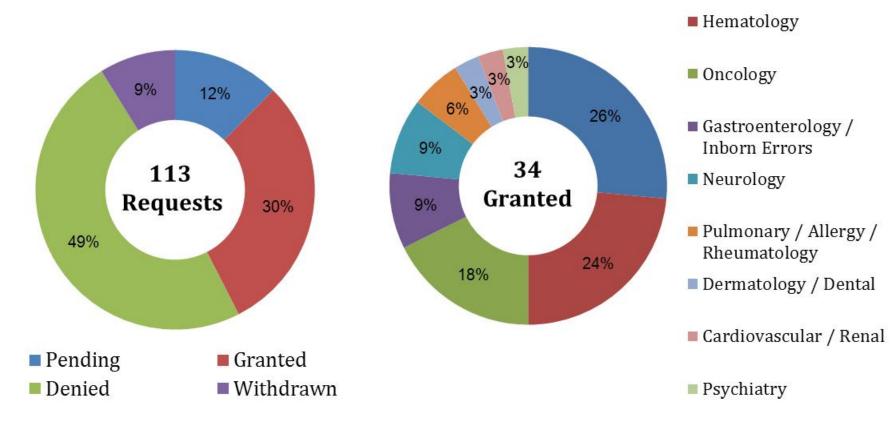
#### Breakthrough therapy

- Features of breakthrough therapy designation include:
  - Frequent FDA/sponsor communications & meetings
  - Cross-disciplinary project lead assigned to FDA review team to facilitate efficient review and serve as the scientific liaison
  - Organizational commitment involving FDA senior managers and experienced FDA review staff in a proactive collaborative, crossdisciplinary review
- By December
  - 121 requests received
  - 34 granted, about one third for genetic diseases
  - 3 approved already, 2 were for rare diseases

Antiviral



#### CDER Has Granted 34 Breakthrough **Therapy Designations Since Inception**



Data as of 11/30/2013

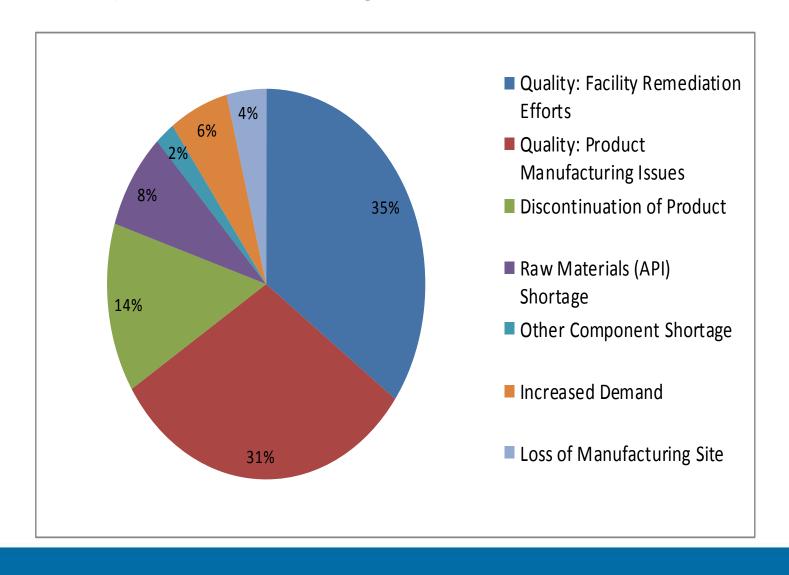
# **Breakthrough Therapies:**Lessons Learned To Date

- All BT requests in CDER are reviewed by the Medical Policy Council to ensure consistency of standards and approach
- Some designated drugs have been late in development; in some cases the marketing application already submitted
  - Main focus of program is on identifying drugs early in development
- Clinical development often NOT the rate-limiting step
  - Manufacturing development and scale-up must be accelerated
- Program commitments are resource intensive for FDA
  - Number of requests and designations have exceeded expectations

### Breakthrough Therapies: Lessons Learned (2)

- Common reasons for denial of BT requests
  - Evidence does not include clinical data
  - Evidence is too preliminary to be considered reliable; e.g., very small number of patients treated, anecdotal case reports
  - Failure to demonstrate "substantial" improvement over available therapy
  - Reliance on a novel biomarker or surrogate endpoint without sufficient evidence to support benefit to patient
  - Post-hoc analyses of failed studies that identify a subset that may benefit
  - Many represent "the triumph of hope over evidence"

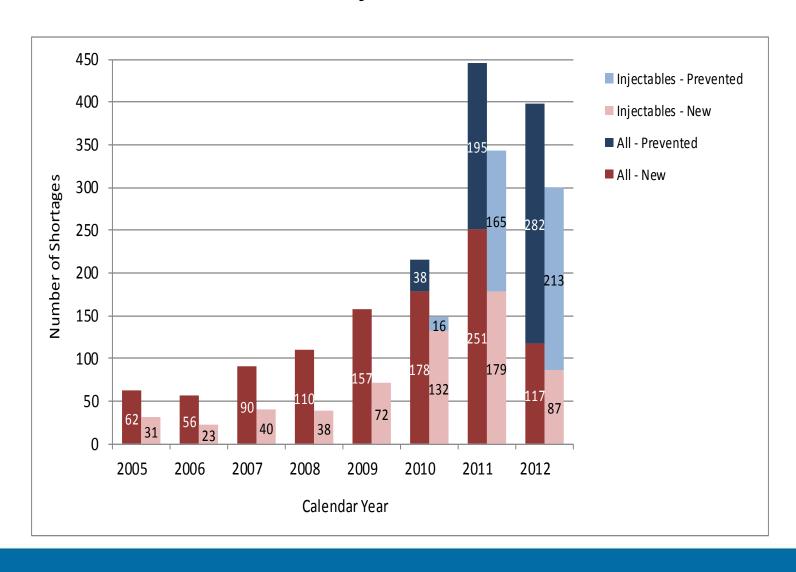
#### Causes of Drug Shortages: Quality Manufacturing Issues



## FDA's Response to Potential Shortage: FDA Actions

- Strategic Plan released October 31, 2013
  - (Presidential directive 2011, FDASIA 2012)
  - **Early Notification** is the key and is required prompt attention
- Perform risk-based analysis to determine ways to address shortage
  - Determine if other manufacturers can increase production
  - Expedite inspections and reviews of submissions
  - Exercise temporary enforcement discretion for new sources of medically necessary drugs
  - Work with the manufacturer to ensure adequate investigation into the root cause of the shortage
  - Review possible risk mitigation measures for remaining inventory
- Communicate effectively to stakeholders
- Long term: Improve manufacturing quality (OPQ)

#### Value of Early Notification:





- **Put patients first** by balancing risk and availability.
- Have one quality voice by integrating review and inspection across product lifecycle.
- Safeguard clinical performance by establishing scientifically-sound and clinically relevant quality standards.
- Maximize focus and efficiency by applying risk-based approaches.
- Encourage innovation by advancing new technology and manufacturing science.
- Put Quality over Compliance
- Attention on how well drugs are manufactured
- Metrics, ie lot failure
- Create an ability to examine Quality across the industry



- FDA's drug benefit-risk assessment considers severity of disease condition and degree of unmet medical need— clinical context
  - Patients are uniquely positioned to inform FDA understanding of the clinical context
- Patient-Focused Drug Development is part of FDA commitments under PDUFA V
  - Convene at least 20 meetings on specific disease areas
  - Patient perspective helps inform our understanding of the context for the assessment of benefit-risk and decision making for new drugs
  - Input can inform FDA analysis both during and outside of review
  - 2013 meetings included narcolepsy and muscular dystrophy
  - Feedback has been good



### Disease areas to be the focus of meetings for FY 2014-2015

#### **FY 2014 - 2015**

- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
- Breast cancer
- Chronic Chagas disease
- Female sexual dysfunction
- Fibromyalgia
- Hemophilia A, Hemophilia B, von Willebrand disease, and other heritable bleeding disorders
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Irritable bowel syndrome, gastroparesis, and gastroesophageal reflux disease with persistent regurgitation symptoms on proton-pump inhibitors
- Neurological manifestations of inborn errors of metabolism
- Parkinson's disease and Huntington's disease
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Sickle cell disease



- FDASIA
- FDA will award priority review voucher to sponsors of rare pediatric disease product application that meet certain criteria
  - Prevalence predominantly pediatric
  - New drug
  - Not seeking adult indication
- Can seek designation during development
- Voucher is transferable
- Formal guidance to be published

#### **Regulatory Collaborations**

- Enhanced international collaborations in recent years
- EU:
  - International Rare Disease research Consortium (IRDIRC)
    - Several FDA members participate
  - Harmonized orphan drug application form
  - Regular meetings on orphan drugs, cancer, and pediatrics
- NIH
  - CDER-NIH CC taskforce
  - IND regulatory training workshop

#### **Rare Disease Priorities**

- Significant percentage of novel product approvals
  - Trend expected to increase
- High use of expedited pathways and incentive programs
- Targeted therapies increasingly common in drug development
  - Common disease subsets → "orphan subsets"<sup>1</sup>
    - E.g., BRAF V600 mutation subsets of melanoma
  - Rare Diseases and Rare Disease subsets
    - E.g., Cystic Fibrosis *G551D* mutation subset
  - Smaller subsets available for clinical trials, smaller clinical development programs
  - Larger magnitude of effects anticipated
    - Safety, R-B assessments
  - Need for flexibility, novel trial designs, translational science development



- CDER initiatives in drug shortages, pharmaceutical quality, expedited reviews, pediatric rare disease vouchers, and patient informed decision making should have a significant impact on rare disease drug development.
- Rare Diseases have always been a leader in innovation and continue to do so.

#### Addendum

# Snapshot of CY 2013 NME NDAs/BLAs† Drug Approvals (1/2)

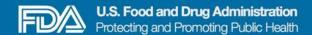
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KYNAMRO								
POMALYST								
KADCYLA								
OSPHENA								
LYMPHOSEEK								
DOTAREM								
TECFIDERA								
INVOKANA								
BREO ELLIPTA								
XOFIGO								
TAFINLAR								
MEKINIST								

#### Data as of 11/30/2013

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## Snapshot of CY 2013 NME NDAs/BLAs† Drug

### NME NDAs/BLAs<sup>†</sup> Drug Approvals (2/2)

	Met PDUFA	Approved on	Priority			Approved First		Breakthrough
Trade Name	Goal Date*	First Cycle	Approval	Fast Track	First in Class	in the U.S.	Orphan Drug	Therapy
GILOTRIF								
TIVICAY								
BRINTELLIX								
DUAVEE								
ADEMPAS								
OPSUMIT								
VIZAMYL								
GAZYVA								
APITOM								
IMBRUVICA								
LUZU								
OLYSIO								

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